

South Milwaukee Historical Society

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P R E S E R V I N G T H E P R O U D P A S T

**FOUNDED
MARCH
1972**

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- Penny Rankin

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

A big *Thank You* to Don Bulley for his expert handling of the Historical Society and the monthly meetings. I hope I can do as well as Don. A big thank you to out going vice president Bob Pfeiffer and a big welcome to our new vice president, Patti Bergeson.

Thanks for the many years of handling the membership to Addie Becker!! Sue Ziarek has taken on this job in addition to a few others. If you would like to volunteer to handle new memberships, the website, newsletter or if something else interests you give us a call. Let's talk.

Lois Schreiter

P.S. From the Editor/Secretary:

Help?? Do you have a memory of South Milwaukee you'd be willing to share with our readers? How about an interesting picture of a place or event from our city's past that we could use. Maybe you'd like to try your hand at writing a short article for the newsletter? Contact any one of the officers at the numbers above or send us an email. southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com. We'd love to hear from you

If you missed the **Spring Potluck** on May 9 you not only missed some great food you also missed some awesome entertainment! Our newly elected President, Lois Schreiter, and her husband, curator Steve Schreiter happen to be members of the Community Chorus.

Turns out their concert that evening was cancelled so Steve & Lois invited the chorus to put on their show for the Society after our dinner/meeting. Even though they outnumbered the audience 4 to 1, the performers gave it their all and we were treated to almost an hour of great music from show tunes, to pop songs, to patriotic tunes. Our thanks to all of them for treating us to such a fantastic show.



The Plant Swap

on May 28 was more popular than ever. Fortunately last year's cold rainy weather didn't make a comeback. This year it was quite summery putting everyone in the mood for gardening. A wide variety of bulbs, herbs, perennials, bushes and even a small tree were up for grabs.



One creative gardener found a new use for plant stakes being trading in!

That same day a second crew of volunteers spent the morning planting at the War Memorial.



Of course our biggest event was the Garden Tour.



Highlights of the gardens and vendors are in the 'Garden Tour Supplement'

The first three **Canopy Talks** were quite popular (we'll be spotlighting them in the Fall newsletter) but there are only two more left this summer! The talks are all held outside in good weather, begin at 10am and last about half an hour. The museum stays open until about noon and you're always welcome to check out the gardens. Best of all, these are **FREE EVENTS!** Hope to see you there.....

August 13

Mill Pond (Lagoon)

Presented by Don Bulley & Nancy Wucherer
from *Friends of the Mill Pond & Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc*

August 27

Lawson Airliner

Presented by Museum Curator Steve Schreiter

Monday, September 12, 5:30pm
First Congregational Church, 1111 N Chicago Av
Everyone is Welcome! Bring a dish to pass!

**Fall
Potluck
Meeting**





Last September the Society hosted a rhabarb & hosta leaf casting class taught by Society member Annette Loper. We had so much fun we decided to do it again. And this year we're going to learn now to do curved leaves.

LEAF CASTING SEMINAR

Come join us and create concrete items using rhabarb and hosta leaves! Due to the curing of the concrete this must be a two day seminar. Please bring a pair of rubber gloves to protect your hands from the concrete. All other materials will be furnished.

**SPACE IS LIMITED!
PLEASE CONTACT
PATTI BERGESON
AT 414-651-9549 TO
RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**



Saturday, September 10th
9am. – 10am
&
Sunday, September 11th
1pm – 2pm
at
South Milwaukee
Historical Society
717 Milwaukee Av

Cash or Checks Accepted
Make Checks Payable to
South Milwaukee Historical Society

\$20 Per Person

We're also going to try our hand at making something completely new this year...

TEA CUP BIRDFEEDER SEMINAR

Come join us and make a tea cup birdfeeder! Tea cups will be provided but if you have a special tea cup and saucer you would like to use please bring it along!



\$15 Per Person

Saturday, October 1st
10 a.m.—11 a.m.
at
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717 Milwaukee Avenue

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Sign up for one or sign up for both and be sure to stop in the museum to check out all the changes that have been happening while you're there!

Curators Report

On May 19, 2016, the Board of Curators and the President of the South Milwaukee Historical Society met to decide which military uniforms to keep for display at the museum and which ones to deaccession. Each uniform was identified by Craig Luther of Military Connections and given a resale value. After reviewing each uniform and discussing its relevance to South Milwaukee as well as its value as a display piece to represent South Milwaukee's role in the Military Service, the selections were made. The uniforms that did not pertain to South Milwaukee or that were duplicates were sold to Military Connection. The money collected from this sale was used to clean and preserve the uniforms we have kept for our museum. This process was necessary because of the lack of storage space at the museum and the fact that mold and deterioration was found on many of the uniforms. Our plan is that, after cleaning, all of the uniforms in our collection can be safely displayed and protected from any further damage. Craig has graciously agreed to help us create a new display.



Speaking of Craig... his store, Military Connections, had it's grand opening the day of our Garden Tour. Mayor Erik Brooks was on hand for the ribbon cutting and Craig treated everyone to grilled hotdogs.



Back in April, museum curator Richard Thinner was approached by WUWM's Bubbler Talk for help in answering the question "What's the Deal with South Milwaukee's Addresses and Street Names?" posed by Milwaukee address history buff Carl Baehr. Marge Pitroff visited the Museum and Richard explained that "back in the 1800s, the community had a strong industrialist culture with its leaders believing it could become a powerful, competitive suburb to Milwaukee. Waves of immigrants also flocked to South Milwaukee for its factory jobs and natural beauty. Many of those people had fled authoritarian regimes in other countries and did not want big government dictating policy. It was that combination of independent spirit and manufacturing might that led South Milwaukee to establish, early on, its own infrastructure including a water filtration system, sewer system and its own street and address scheme."

You can check out the full article at:

<http://wuwmm.com/post/whats-deal-south-milwaukees-addresses-and-street-names#stream/0>

While sorting thru the items in the museum we came across quite a few cameras. Board member & photography enthusiast Lee Loveall is currently using what we found to put together a display on the Evolution of Photography for the entry display at the South Milwaukee Library. Things should be in place by August 2nd. Be sure to stop by and check it out!

Our \$500.00 Scholarship winner for 2016 is Sydney Schlager, a South Milwaukee resident and a graduate of Pius XI High School. Sydney will be attending Notre Dame University in the fall and working toward a degree in foreign service. Best Wishes to you, Sydney.

Just a reminder that all new Historical Society members are entitled to one hour of genealogical research from Steve Schreiter. If you haven't taken advantage of that yet give Steve a call. You can download the basic information form from the *Contact Us* page of our website if you have access to a computer.

The Historical Society would like to extend our wishes, condolences or congratulations to its members. Please contact Sunshine chairperson Barbara Mueller at 762-2712.

Be sure to leave a detailed message or a number where she can contact you.

As always...I'd like to encourage anyone who's able but hasn't done so yet to sign up to receive electronic notification of the newsletters. You get access to it sooner, the picture quality is much better, it saves the Society money on printing & postage and it helps the environment! If you'd like to give it a try send an email to the Society email address:

southmilwaukeehistory@gmail.com

You can always change your mind.....

Facebook Fanatics: We're still looking for somebody to get the Society set up on Facebook. Send us an email thru the website and we'll talk.....

COMING EVENTS

Our monthly meetings are now held at the South Milwaukee Library. Meetings begin at 6:00PM and are held on the 2nd Monday of each month. We'd like to invite ALL our members to attend.

2016 BOARD/MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS AT THE LIBRARY

Aug 8; Oct 10; Nov 14; Dec 12

Aug 13	Canopy Talk at the Museum
Aug 27	Canopy Talk at the Museum
Sept 10-11	Leaf Casting Seminar at the Museum
Sept 12	Fall Potluck Meeting, First Congregational Church
Oct 1	Tea Cup Bird Feeder class at the Museum

See inside for details on all these events



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